

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Annual Report and Plan
for Stafford Schools Head Start

ITEM NO: 4E

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MEETING: September 13, 2005

ACTION DATE: September 27, 2005

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the Stafford County School Board consider for approval the 2005-2006 Stafford Head Start Annual Plan and goals.

KEY POINTS: The 2004-2005 Program Information Report details key program statistics and services from last year. The following Stafford Schools Head Start Goals for 2005-2006 were recommended by fifteen focus committees, developed and approved by Policy Council:

- Goal #1 Improve program quality for safety and health of children:
- Provide child find developmental screening for over-income and income-eligible applicants not enrolled
 - Distribute picture book of Head Start health and developmental screenings to enrolled families
 - Enroll 3 year old Head Start children in WIC
 - Provide parents instruction on child safety seat installation and proper use
 - Provide parents and staff with mental health resources
 - Install new tile flooring as funds are available*
 - Install security cameras as funds are available*
 - Add additional structures to the playground as funds are available*
 - Investigate possibility of satellite dental clinic on Head Start site
 - Recruit bus drivers and bus monitors, including substitute drivers and monitors
 - Purchase school buses with built-in child restraint seats as funds are available*
- Goal #2 Increase students' success in kindergarten
- Provide developmental instruction so that 85% of all four-year-old students score mastery level in all 4-5 year old skills on the Stafford Head Start Skills Assessment, focusing on social/emotional and math skills
- Goal #3 Increase success rate of family partnership plans by 10%
- Hire minority staff and staff fluent in Spanish and Arabic languages*
 - Provide focused training for family service staff
- Goal #4 Improve quality of program monitoring of services

- Provide School Board, Policy Council, Director/Coordinators, and staff with information on Head Start initiatives and regulations for strategic planning and compliance with program performance standards
- Generate accurate and timely reports for Policy Council and Director/Coordinators on each aspect of program services

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: **#1** - Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

#3 - Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in our schools.

#4 - Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones, and instruction.

#5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support

#7 - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn

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Head Start Program Performance Standards, 45 CFR Part 1304, 1305, 1310